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EVALUATION OF SCHEMES FOR SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has conducted any study to evaluate the performance of special schemes/centrally sponsored schemes being implemented forjhe welfare of the disadvantaged sections of the society;

(b) if so, the outcome thereof;

(c) the success achieved through implementation of these schemes;and

(d) the further steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government for effective implementation of these schemes?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (MUKUL WASNIK)

(a) to (d) A statement is placed on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT IN RESPONSE TO LOK SAB HA STARRED QUESTION NO.440 FOR ANSWER ON 3.8.2009 REGARDING EVALUATION OF SCHEMES FOR SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

(a) Yes Sir.

(b) The evaluation studies have brought out, inter-alia, that the schemes implemented for the disadvantaged sections are generally effective and benefits are reaching the target groups. However, there is also a need for revision of rates of scholarships,timely release of grants, creation of awareness, simplification of procedures and strengthening of implementation machinery.

(c) Achievements of some of the important schemes of the Ministry during 2008-09 have been as under:-

(i) 34.58 lakh SC students were provided Post Matric Scholarships;

(ii) Assistance was given for creating hostel facilities for approx. 8076 SC boys and girls;

(iii) Assistive devices were provided to more than 2 lakh persons with disabilities under ADIP Scheme;

(iv) Assistance was provided to 1.97 lakh persons with disabilities under Deendayal Disabled Rehabilitation Scheme;

(v) Under the Scheme of Integrated Programme for Older Persons 32,650 senior citizens were provided services;

(vi) 1,08,000 beneficiaries were assisted for rehabilitation under the Scheme for Prevention of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse;

(vii) Approx. 29 lakh OBC students were provided scholarships during the year.

(d) Revision of Schemes is done and other appropriate measures are taken from time to time for effective implementation of the Schemes.

Several schemes, such as Scheme of Integrated Programme of Older Persons, Deendayal Disabled Rehabilitation Scheme, Assistance for Prevention of Alcoholism and Substance (Drug) Abuse, Babu Jagjivan Ram Chbatravas Yojana, the Pre-Matric Scholarship Scheme for children of those engaged in unclean occupations, and the National Overseas Scholarship have been revised during the last three years.